

privatization issue that we faced a year ago and there was really no structure in place, no communication type situation where we were aware of what was happening and we did get information from the Department of Social Services and I appreciated that, but there was nothing like this in place that told everybody the rules of the game so they knew how to go forward, and this kind of makes sure that we know exactly what needs to be done and how it will be done and it's just a much clearer situation. I think the legal service issue is an important one and I hope Senator Hall will readdress that on Select File, but outside of that I do think that the bill moves us in a positive direction and I'd support the legislation.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Wesely. The Chair recognizes Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Madam President and members of the Legislature. I rise to support LB 322. I did have concerns particularly if this would put a damper on that kind of initiative that a department or an agency or others in state government would see that could be done in the area of having private enterprise help and be more efficient and less costly than government could do it itself. I commend the Appropriations Committee and its Chairman, Senator Moore because this is something that needed to be done and needs to be done very carefully. Services is definitely the area that can be most helped, I believe, by the private sector and can offer a lot of economies for state government. And in that, of course, we do have to have protections and we do have to have accountability. But I think with the committee amendments that it has improved and possibly there may be some on Select that we need to consider, but all in all, LB 322 does make a positive impact on that contribution that the private sector can play in our state government. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Pirsch. The Chair recognizes Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Call the question.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: There are no further speakers, Senator Lynch, it is unnecessary to call the question at this time. Senator Moore, do you wish to close?

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, one clarification. I misspoke slightly in